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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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POPULATION	OCT 1/98	935,071	935,495	0.3	0.0	931,235 x	934,781 x	934,587 x	0.4	(0.0)
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/98	2,795	2,500	1.4	(10.6)	10,562	10,325	n/a	(2.2)	--
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/98	1,775	1,955	(2.6)	10.1	7,751	7,830	n/a	1.0	--
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/98	2,790	n/a	1.9	--	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/98	(730)	363	(255.3)	--	2,580	(320)	n/a	(112.4)	--
Net Interprovincial	JULY-SEPT/98	(1,811)	(226)	--	--	(246)	(2,668)	n/a	--	--
Net International	JULY-SEPT/98	1,081	589	(10.4)	(45.5)	2,826	2,348	n/a	(16.9)	--
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/98	1,414	932	(8.1)	(34.1)	4,132	3,643	n/a	(11.8)	--
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/98	333	343	0.3	3.0	1,306	1,295	n/a	(0.8)	--
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JAN/99	454.3	454.4	1.7	0.0	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	JAN/99	403.4	408.9	3.9	1.4	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	JAN/99	50.9	45.5	(12.8)	(10.6)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/99	11.2	10.0	--	--	12.6	12.2	10.7	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	JAN/99	61.0	60.7	--	--	59.9	60.2	60.6	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JAN/99	387.0	394.0	4.1	1.8	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/99	12.0	10.9	--	--	12.6	12.2	10.7	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JAN/99	92.4	91.2	11.5	(1.3)	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	JAN/99	307.0	313.4	1.2	2.1	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	NOV/98	39,008	48,055	(6.5)	23.2	617,429	586,886	n/a	(4.9)	-- --
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	NOV/98	38,030	37,380	(2.1)	(1.7)	45,172 x	40,359 x	n/a	(10.7)	-- --
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JAN/99	108.7	108.2	1.5	(0.5)	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	JAN/99	111.9	110.7	2.7	(1.1)	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	JAN/99	105.9	104.1	0.4	(1.7)	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-NOV/98	8,611.7	8,826.6	3.0	2.5	9,125.0	9,389.0	n/a	2.9	-- --
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	NOV/98	498.71	512.74	(0.3)	2.8	494.47 x	501.47 x	n/a	1.4	-- --
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-NOV/98	6,663.1	6,935.3	3.7	4.1	7,033.8	7,293.8	n/a	3.7	-- --
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/98	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/98	937.5	1,002.0	21.5	6.9	771.5	937.5	1,002.0	21.5	6.9

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/98	269.0	277.1	(4.9)	3.0	381.7	374.2	n/a	(2.0)	-- --
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	459.4	479.3	(10.3)	4.3	459.4	479.3	n/a	4.3	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-NOV/98	4,121.4	3,133.8	(7.2)	(24.0)	4,827.3	4,496.3	n/a	(6.9)	-- --
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-NOV/98	906.4	1,205.0	6.7	32.9	911.9	989.8	n/a	8.5	-- --
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/98	2,680.0	2,200.0	(15.5)	(17.9)	3,169.9	2,680.0	2,200.0	(15.5)	(17.9)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-NOV/98	9,377.3	9,590.3	3.4	2.3	10,175.4	10,323.1	n/a	1.5	-- --
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	6,229.0	6,534.0	1.6	4.9	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,534.0	1.6	4.9
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/98	2,272.9	2,458.7	(0.8)	8.2	3,061.0	3,116.4	n/a	1.8	-- --
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,940.9 p	2,917.3 n	11.1	50.3
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN/99	77	145	(76.8)	88.3	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN/99	173	150	(14.4)	(13.3)	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	JAN/99	1,118	982	(12.8)	(12.2)	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/98	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-DEC/98	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	DEC/98	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	n/a	1.8	-- --
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	n/a	3.2	-- --

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POPULATION	OCT 1/98	30,105,602	30,381,109	1.1	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,003,955 x	30,300,422	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/98	93,470	87,795	(1.2)	(6.1)	366,189	361,785	n/a	(1.2)	-- --
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/98	50,625	51,785	1.5	2.3	212,859	216,970	n/a	1.9	-- --
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/98	72,205	n/a	1.4	(100.0)	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/98	58,802	44,677	4.1	(24.0)	156,663	169,787	n/a	8.4	-- --
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/98	77,840	64,181	3.4	(17.5)	235,340	242,665	n/a	3.1	-- --
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/98	19,038	19,504	1.6	2.4	78,677	72,878	n/a	(7.4)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JAN/99	15,495.6	15,898.7	1.7	2.6	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	JAN/99	14,124.7	14,650.8	2.6	3.7	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	JAN/99	1,370.9	1,247.9	(6.3)	(9.0)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/99	8.8	7.8	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	JAN/99	64.9	65.8	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JAN/99	13,684.9	14,206.2	2.6	3.8	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/99	9.7	8.6	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JAN/99	3,721.4	3,806.5	2.9	2.3	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	JAN/99	10,403.3	10,844.2	2.5	4.2	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	NOV/98	829,775	905,558	(5.8)	9.1	13,069,982	11,996,428	n/a	(8.2)	--
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	NOV/98	710,800	676,630	(8.0)	(4.8)	911,469 x	781,885 x	n/a	(14.2)	--
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JAN/99	108.2	108.9	1.1	0.6	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	JAN/99	109.7	111.1	2.3	1.3	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	JAN/99	103.4	104.5	(0.1)	1.1	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-NOV/98	358,793.0	373,889.5	4.0	4.2	376,810.6	391,980.5	n/a	4.0	--
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	NOV/98	600.09	606.40	1.3	1.1	586.06 x	598.26 x	n/a	2.1	--
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-NOV/98	216,528.5	226,564.8	7.5	4.6	220,431.0	237,277.8	n/a	7.6	--
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/98	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/98	38,986.2	40,248.1	23.8	3.2	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,248.1	23.8	3.2

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/98	22,203.3	21,620.6	2.8	(2.6)	28,640.2	29,513.9	n/a	3.1	-- --
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,539.2	n/a	(13.1)	-- --	1,539.2	n/a	n/a	-- --	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-NOV/98	100,736.0	97,574.7	1.7	(3.1)	107,719.2	110,143.7	n/a	2.3	-- --
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-NOV/98	61,065.0	60,241.5	1.4	(1.3)	64,781.1	64,763.9	n/a	(0.0)	-- --
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/98	78,651.4	74,370.0	3.7	(5.4)	75,851.4	78,651.4	74,370.0	3.7	(5.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-NOV/98	501,459.6	492,195.8	0.8	(1.8)	555,680.9	553,855.0	n/a	(0.3)	-- --
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-NOV/98	394,104.0	410,429.0	5.3	4.1	406,568.0	434,746.0	n/a	6.9	-- --
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-NOV/98	256,622.7	270,267.3	7.8	5.3	280,566.0	301,326.0	n/a	7.4	-- --
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	88,336.6 p	95,950.9 ri	10.0	8.6
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN/99	6,485	6,612	3.6	2.0	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN/99	8,334	7,031	19.4	(15.6)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	JAN/99	58,226	62,813	8.2	7.9	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/98	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)	124,713	147,040.0	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-DEC/98	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)	117,834	143,386.0	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	DEC/98	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3	70,670	73,984.0	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	769,730	799,142	829,934 e	3.8	3.9
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	710,379	741,420	766,922 e	4.4	3.4

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Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/99	10.6	10.5	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	FEB/99	61.4	61.1	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	FEB/99	391.6	392.8	6.0	0.3	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/99	11.3	11.2	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
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INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	9,328.0	9,657.4	3.8	3.5	8,982.9	9,328.0	9,657.4	3.8	3.5
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	DEC/98	500.19	518.17	0.2	3.6	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.17 e	1.4	1.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-DEC/98	7,293.8	7,587.0	3.7	4.0	7,033.8	7,293.8	7,587.0	3.7	4.0
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/98	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN/99	50.2	55.7	2.7	11.0	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	365.1	371.3	(4.3)	1.7	381.7	365.1	371.3	(4.3)	1.7
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-DEC/98	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-DEC/98	989.4	1,310.3	8.5	32.4	911.9	989.4	1,310.3	8.5	32.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/98	2,680.0	2,111.9	(15.5)	(21.2)	3,169.9	2,680.0	2,111.9	(15.5)	(21.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-DEC/98	10,323.1	10,601.4	1.5	2.7	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,601.4	1.5	2.7
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN/99	474.8	501.5	(1.5)	5.6	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,534.0	1.6	4.9
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8	3,061.0	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7	2,746.8 p	5.1	49.6
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-FEB/99	187	306	(59.9)	63.6	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-FEB/99	272	318	(21.4)	16.9	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	FEB/99	1,128	975	(7.7)	(13.6)	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/98	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-DEC/98	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	DEC/98	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	n/a	1.8	-- --
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,107 e	3.2	3.2

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
POPULATION	OCT 1/98	30,105,602	30,381,109	1.1	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,003,955 x	30,300,422 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/98	93,470	87,795	(1.2)	(6.1)	366,189	361,785	n/a	(1.2)	-- --
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/98	50,625	51,785	1.5	2.3	212,859	216,970	n/a	1.9	-- --
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/98	72,205	n/a	1.4	(100.0)	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/98	58,802	44,677	4.1	(24.0)	156,663	169,787	n/a	8.4	-- --
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/98	77,840	64,181	3.4	(17.5)	235,340	242,665	n/a	3.1	-- --
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/98	19,038	19,504	1.6	2.4	78,677	72,878	n/a	(7.4)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	FEB/99	15,529.5	15,912.8	2.2	2.5	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	FEB/99	14,188.5	14,664.0	3.3	3.4	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	FEB/99	1,341.0	1,248.9	(8.0)	(6.9)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/99	8.6	7.8	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	FEB/99	65.0	65.8	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	FEB/99	13,822.9	14,290.4	3.3	3.4	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/99	9.3	8.5	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	FEB/99	3,737.3	3,828.9	3.6	2.5	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	FEB/99	10,451.1	10,835.0	3.1	3.7	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	DEC/98	1,035,724	1,007,970	10.1	(2.7)	13,069,982	11,996,428	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	DEC/98	799,820	770,450	(11.0)	(3.7)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,579 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	FEB/99	108.3	109.1	1.0	0.7	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	FEB/99	108.9	110.5	1.3	1.5	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	FEB/99	103.2	104.5	(0.3)	1.3	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	393,701.7	409,174.6	4.7	3.9	376,052.0	393,701.7	409,174.6	4.7	3.9
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	DEC/98	599.93	606.59	0.9	1.1	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.15 e	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-DEC/98	237,277.8	247,432.0	7.6	4.3	220,431.0	237,277.8	247,432.00	7.6	4.3
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/98	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN/99	2,179.3	2,565.9	1.3	17.7	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	29,586.0	28,964.3	3.3	(2.1)	28,640.2	29,586.0	28,964.3	3.3	(2.1)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,551.6	1,582.8	(12.4)	2.0	1,551.6	1,582.8	n/a	2.0	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-DEC/98	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-DEC/98	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/98	78,651.4	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)	75,851.4	78,651.4	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-DEC/98	553,805.6	542,649.7	(0.3)	(2.0)	555,680.9	553,805.6	542,649.7	(0.3)	(2.0)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	437,746.0	448,339.0	7.7	2.4	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,339.0	7.7	2.4
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8	89,952.2 pe	11.7	0.3
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-FEB/99	13,392	13,287	4.5	(0.8)	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-FEB/99	16,331	15,109	20.6	(7.5)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	FEB/99	57,215	60,842	6.6	6.3	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/98	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-DEC/98	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	DEC/98	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	710,379	750,490	768,660	5.6	2.4

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
POPULATION	JAN 1/99	934,799	935,583	0.2	0.1	931,235 x	934,768 x	934,237 x	0.4	(0.1)
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/98	2,265	2,190	(5.9)	(3.3)	10,562	9,950	9,816	(5.8)	(1.3)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/98	1,990	2,065	3.8	3.8	7,751	8,040	8,220	3.7	2.2
Marriages	OCT-DEC/98	1,045	n/a	8.0	-- --	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/98	(264)	(124)	-- --	-- --	1,631	513	(801)	(68.5)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	OCT-DEC/98	(584)	190	-- --	-- --	(1,064)	(3,355)	(2,681)	-- --	-- --
Net International	OCT-DEC/98	320	(314)	185.7	-- --	2,695	3,868	1,880	43.5	(51.4)
Immigration	OCT-DEC/98	662	487	(5.8)	(26.4)	3,973	4,925	3,450	24.0	(29.9)
Emigration	OCT-DEC/98	342	801	(42.1)	134.2	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAR/99	446.1	455.4	(0.8)	2.1	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	MAR/99	403.1	408.5	3.0	1.3	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	MAR/99	42.9	46.9	(27.0)	9.3	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/99	9.6	10.3	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	MAR/99	59.8	60.8	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	MAR/99	388.1	393.3	3.7	1.3	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/99	11.5	11.9	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAR/99	94.0	96.0	12.2	2.1	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	MAR/99	311.3	312.8	2.1	0.5	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	JAN/99	54,138	57,054	(19.7)	5.4	617,429	586,886	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JAN/99	47,840	47,400	(10.4)	(0.9)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAR/99	108.6	108.7	0.9	0.1	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	MAR/99	110.8	110.2	1.6	(0.5)	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	MAR/99	105.0	104.2	0.4	(0.8)	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN/99	758.6	791.7	4.2	4.4	8,982.9	9,328.0	9,657.9	3.8	3.5
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	JAN/99	498.45	512.10	0.0	2.7	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN/99	620.7	667.8	4.4	7.6	7,033.8	7,293.8	7,592.0	3.7	4.1
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/99	53.4	55.9	12.9	4.7	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/99	106.7	123.0	4.5	15.3	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	365.1	371.3	(4.3)	1.7	381.7	365.1	371.3	(4.3)	1.7
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN/99	405.1	276.5	(17.9)	(31.7)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN/99	99.6	115.1	28.0	15.6	911.9	989.4	1,310.3	8.5	32.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN/99	135.4	49.6	27.0	(63.4)	3,169.9	2,680.0	2,118.8	(15.5)	(20.9)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN/99	1,031.0	1,091.1	(0.9)	5.8	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,763.9	1.5	4.3
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-FEB/99	951.5	983.9	0.6	3.4	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,539.7	1.6	5.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8	3,061.0	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7	2,746.8 p	5.1	49.6
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-FEB/99	37.7	86.6	(45.8)	129.7	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/99	252	401	(64.2)	59.1	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-MAR/99	409	470	(29.5)	14.9	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	MAR/99	1,056	912	(13.9)	(13.6)	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/98	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-DEC/98	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	DEC/98	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	n/a	1.8	-- --
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,107 e	3.2	3.2

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
POPULATION	JAN 1/99	30,155,333	30,418,148	1.1	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,010,974 x	30,301,185 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/98	80,755	79,290	(5.3)	(1.8)	366,189	348,555	345,695	(4.8)	-- --
Deaths	OCT-DEC/98	56,045	57,540	0.7	2.7	212,859	215,510	222,845	1.2	-- --
Marriages	OCT-DEC/98	28,960	n/a	2.5	(100.0)	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/98	17,329	9,817	(30.1)	(43.3)	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	-- --
Immigration	OCT-DEC/98	50,169	43,306	(11.8)	(13.7)	250,909	259,536	212,624	3.4	-- --
Emigration	OCT-DEC/98	32,840	33,489	2.4	2.0	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAR/99	15,520.1	15,877.1	1.9	2.3	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	MAR/99	14,217.8	14,634.8	3.0	2.9	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	MAR/99	1,302.3	1,242.3	(9.3)	(4.6)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/99	8.4	7.8	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	MAR/99	64.9	65.6	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	MAR/99	13,890.1	14,295.8	3.0	2.9	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/99	9.2	8.5	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAR/99	3,760.1	3,833.4	4.7	1.9	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	MAR/99	10,457.7	10,801.4	2.5	3.3	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	JAN/99	1,146,243	1,112,872	(18.4)	(2.9)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JAN/99	951,800	898,490	(6.4)	(5.6)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAR/99	108.4	109.5	0.9	1.0	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	MAR/99	109.2	110.7	1.6	1.4	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	MAR/99	103.4	104.5	(0.1)	1.1	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN/99	32,573.1	33,420.3	4.7	2.6	376,052.0	393,701.7	409,191.4	4.7	3.9
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	JAN/99	605.13	604.55	1.8	(0.1)	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN/99	20,136.9	21,158.8	5.0	5.1	220,431.0	237,277.8	247,512.0	7.6	4.3
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/99	1,869.1	1,977.8	12.6	5.8	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/99	4,615.2	5,282.6	0.2	14.5	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	29,586.0	28,964.3	3.3	(2.1)	28,640.2	29,586.0	28,964.3	3.3	(2.1)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,551.6	1,582.8	(12.4)	2.0	1,551.6	1,582.8	n/a	2.0	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN/99	9,758.0	10,191.1	(3.8)	4.4	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN/99	5,124.7	5,452.6	(4.5)	6.4	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN/99	6,355.9	6,046.7	12.0	(4.9)	75,851.4	78,651.4	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN/99	51,829.8	52,708.3	(5.5)	1.7	555,680.9	553,805.6	542,681.0	(0.3)	(2.0)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN/99	33,189.0	35,300.0	0.1	6.4	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,418.0	7.7	2.4
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8	89,952.2 p	11.7	0.3
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-FEB/99	3,452.9	3,281.6	14.7	(5.0)	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/99	21,339	20,924	6.9	(1.9)	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-MAR/99	23,917	24,036	14.7	0.5	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	MAR/99	57,681	59,490	7.7	3.1	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/98	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-DEC/98	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	DEC/98	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	710,379	750,490	770,344	5.6	2.6

p - Preliminary actual
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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	JAN 1/99	934,799	935,583	0.2	0.1	931,235 x	934,768 x	934,237 x	0.4	(0.1)
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/98	2,265	2,190	(5.9)	(3.3)	10,562	9,950	9,816	(5.8)	(1.3)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/98	1,990	2,065	3.8	3.8	7,751	8,040	8,220	3.7	2.2
Marriages	OCT-DEC/98	1,045	n/a	8.0	-- --	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/98	(264)	(124)	-- --	-- --	1,631	513	(801)	(68.5)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	OCT-DEC/98	(584)	190	-- --	-- --	(1,064)	(3,355)	(2,681)	-- --	-- --
Net International	OCT-DEC/98	320	(314)	185.7	-- --	2,695	3,868	1,880	43.5	(51.4)
Immigration	OCT-DEC/98	662	487	(5.8)	(26.4)	3,973	4,925	3,450	24.0	(29.9)
Emigration	OCT-DEC/98	342	801	(42.1)	134.2	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	APR/99	454.3	458.9	2.6	1.0	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	APR/99	405.0	416.5	5.1	2.8	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	APR/99	49.3	42.4	(14.3)	(14.0)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/99	10.9	9.2	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	APR/99	60.9	61.3	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	APR/99	388.2	400.9	4.9	3.3	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/99	12.7	11.0	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	APR/99	94.4	98.7	12.1	4.6	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	APR/99	311.4	312.7	2.6	0.4	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	FEB/99	54,309	56,021	(13.8)	3.2	617,429	586,886	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	FEB/99	49,510	48,140	(8.5)	(2.8)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	APR/99	108.4	109.7	0.6	1.2	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	APR/99	110.5	111.5	2.3	0.9	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	APR/99	105.0	105.7	(0.7)	0.7	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN/99	758.6	791.7	4.2	4.4	8,982.9	9,328.0	9,657.9	3.8	3.5
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	FEB/99	501.09	513.80	0.9	2.5	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAR/99	1,890.4	1,979.0	5.3	4.7	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.7	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/99	88.2	95.0	7.8	7.7	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/99	197.4	225.5	9.1	14.2	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	365.1	371.3	(4.3)	1.7	381.7	365.1	371.3	(4.3)	1.7
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/99	877.3	570.9	(9.5)	(34.9)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/99	200.5	229.7	40.6	14.6	911.9	989.4	1,310.3	8.5	32.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-FEB/99	315.1	195.3	16.6	(38.0)	3,169.9	2,680.0	2,118.8	(15.5)	(20.9)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-FEB/99	1,957.4	2,105.0	(0.8)	7.5	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,763.9	1.5	4.3
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	1,495.9	1,539.5	3.8	2.9	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,542.1	1.6	5.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8	3,061.0	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7	2,746.8 p	5.1	49.6
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	70.8	134.5	(34.1)	90.0	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-APR/99	331	656	(61.5)	98.2	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-APR/99	646	689	(19.3)	6.7	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	APR/99	898	948	(22.5)	5.6	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/99	282	580	(69.4)	105.7	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-MAR/99	462	846	(49.8)	83.1	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	MAR/99	1,745	1,252	(7.6)	(28.3)	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	20,254	1.8	5.8
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,194	3.2	3.7

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period: 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period: Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change: 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change: 1998/1997
POPULATION	JAN 1/99	30,155,333	30,418,148	1.1	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,010,974 x	30,301,185 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/99	80,755	79,290	(5.3)	(1.8)	366,189	348,555	345,695	(4.8)	-- --
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	56,045	57,540	0.7	2.7	212,859	215,510	222,845	1.2	-- --
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	28,960	n/a	2.5	(100.0)	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	17,329	9,817	(30.1)	(43.3)	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	-- --
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	50,169	43,306	(11.8)	(13.7)	250,909	259,536	212,624	3.4	-- --
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	32,840	33,489	2.4	2.0	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	APR/99	15,587.6	15,973.5	1.9	2.5	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	APR/99	14,278.2	14,650.1	3.3	2.6	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	APR/99	1,309.4	1,323.4	(11.1)	1.1	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/99	8.4	8.3	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	APR/99	65.1	66.0	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	APR/99	14,031.4	14,386.3	3.3	2.5	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/99	8.6	8.6	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	APR/99	3,762.3	3,809.5	4.6	1.3	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	APR/99	10,515.9	10,840.5	2.8	3.1	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	FEB/99	1,168,952	1,143,791	(0.3)	(2.2)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	FEB/99	930,730	903,570	(6.8)	(2.9)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	APR/99	108.3	110.1	0.8	1.7	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	APR/99	108.9	110.9	1.7	1.8	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	APR/99	103.5	104.8	0.0	1.3	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN/99	32,573.1	33,420.3	4.7	2.6	376,052.0	393,701.7	409,191.4	4.7	3.9
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	FEB/99	606.14	607.63	2.0	0.2	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAR/99	60,636.1	63,585.0	4.5	4.9	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.5	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/99	3,045.1	3,192.7	11.4	4.8	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/99	8,212.0	9,523.1	3.3	16.0	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	29,586.0	28,964.3	3.3	(2.1)	28,640.2	29,586.0	28,964.3	3.3	(2.1)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,551.6	1,582.8	(12.4)	2.0	1,551.6	1,582.8	n/a	2.0	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-FEB/99	20,120.9	21,234.6	(3.2)	5.5	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/99	10,320.3	11,033.2	(5.4)	6.9	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-FEB/99	12,633.3	11,879.7	6.2	(6.0)	75,851.4	78,651.4	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-FEB/99	97,282.5	98,179.3	(4.8)	0.9	555,680.9	553,805.6	542,681.0	(0.3)	(2.0)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-FEB/99	68,151.0	72,014.0	2.7	5.7	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,485.0	7.7	2.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-FEB/99	46,031.1	49,678.0	3.6	7.9	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8	89,952.2 pa	11.7	0.3
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	6,314.0	6,376.4	20.7	1.0	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-APR/99	32,839	32,419	6.0	(1.3)	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-APR/99	32,743	31,340	8.8	(4.3)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	APR/99	60,445	63,696	9.3	5.4	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/99	23,578	23,376	3.5	(0.9)	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-MAR/99	27,966	29,320	9.7	4.8	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	MAR/99	67,523	69,023	(0.3)	2.2	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	710,379	750,490	770,344	5.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	JAN 1/99	934,799	935,583	0.2	0.1	931,235 x	934,768 x	934,237 x	0.4	(0.1)
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/98	2,265	2,190	(5.9)	(3.3)	10,562	9,950	9,816	(5.8)	(1.3)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/98	1,990	2,065	3.8	3.8	7,751	8,040	8,220	3.7	2.2
Marriages	OCT-DEC/98	1,045	n/a	8.0	-- --	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/98	(264)	(124)	-- --	-- --	1,631	513	(801)	(68.5)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	OCT-DEC/98	(584)	190	-- --	-- --	(1,064)	(3,355)	(2,681)	-- --	-- --
Net International	OCT-DEC/98	320	(314)	185.7	-- --	2,695	3,868	1,880	43.5	(51.4)
Immigration	OCT-DEC/98	662	487	(5.8)	(26.4)	3,973	4,925	3,450	24.0	(29.9)
Emigration	OCT-DEC/98	342	801	(42.1)	134.2	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAY/99	452.9	459.1	1.5	1.4	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	MAY/99	405.9	414.6	4.8	2.1	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	MAY/99	47.0	44.5	(19.7)	(5.3)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/99	10.4	9.7	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	MAY/99	60.7	61.2	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	MAY/99	408.5	418.2	4.9	2.4	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/99	11.1	10.4	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAY/99	93.6	100.3	10.2	7.2	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	MAY/99	311.1	312.9	2.7	0.6	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	MAR/99	65,830	66,779	10.0	1.4	617,429	586,886	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	MAR/99	49,780	48,750	(8.4)	(2.1)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAY/99	108.5	109.9	0.7	1.3	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	MAY/99	110.5	112.0	2.6	1.4	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	MAY/99	105.0	105.6	(1.0)	0.6	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	2,340.0	2,441.7	5.4	4.3	8,981.8	9,466.6	9,880.5	5.4	4.4
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	MAR/99	507.09	515.35	1.2	1.6	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-APR/99	2,524.5	2,602.0	5.3	3.1	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.7	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/99	130.1	134.4	13.7	3.3	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/99	306.3	337.9	10.1	10.3	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period: 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period: Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change: 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change: 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	86.3	85.1	2.4	(1.4)	378.0	377.0	373.8	(0.3)	(0.8)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-MAR/99	1,159.7	803.3	(12.9)	(30.7)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/99	200.5	229.7	40.6	14.6	911.9	989.4	1,310.3	8.5	32.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-MAR/99	624.6	336.1	26.2	(46.2)	3,172.0	2,696.0	2,118.8	(15.0)	(21.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAR/99	2,905.8	3,144.6	(0.9)	8.2	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	1.5	4.2
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	2,010.0	2,109.0	2.8	4.9	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,542.1	1.6	5.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8	3,061.0	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7	2,746.8 ps	5.1	49.6
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	116.4	207.4	(26.4)	78.2	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-MAY/99	428	1,024	(57.5)	139.3	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-MAY/99	757	791	(21.1)	4.5	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	MAY/99	877	1,212	(23.4)	38.2	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/99	282	580	(69.4)	105.7	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-MAR/99	462	846	(49.8)	83.1	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	MAR/99	1,745	1,252	(7.6)	(28.3)	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	20,254	1.8	5.8
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,194	3.2	3.7

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	JAN 1/99	30,155,333	30,418,148	1.1	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,010,974 x	30,301,185 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/99	80,755	79,290	(5.3)	(1.8)	366,189	348,555	345,695	(4.8)	-- --
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	56,045	57,540	0.7	2.7	212,859	215,510	222,845	1.2	-- --
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	28,960	n/a	2.5	(100.0)	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	17,329	9,817	(30.1)	(43.3)	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	-- --
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	50,169	43,306	(11.8)	(13.7)	250,909	259,536	212,624	3.4	-- --
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	32,840	33,489	2.4	2.0	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAY/99	15,584.1	15,924.6	1.6	2.2	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	MAY/99	14,275.3	14,636.6	2.8	2.5	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	MAY/99	1,308.8	1,288.0	(9.7)	(1.6)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/99	8.4	8.1	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	MAY/99	65.1	65.7	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	MAY/99	14,386.5	14,732.0	2.7	2.4	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/99	8.4	8.2	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAY/99	3,754.7	3,818.3	5.9	1.7	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	MAY/99	10,520.6	10,818.4	1.7	2.8	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	MAR/99	1,342,400	1,303,457	13.0	(2.9)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	MAR/99	913,790	884,470	(6.0)	(3.2)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAY/99	108.7	110.4	1.1	1.6	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	MAY/99	109.4	111.1	1.8	1.6	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	MAY/99	103.5	104.6	0.3	1.1	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	99,958.2	102,718.7	5.6	2.8	375,704.5	398,194.8	414,883.5	6.0	4.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	MAR/99	605.99	605.14	1.8	(0.1)	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-APR/99	81,286.0	84,701.0	4.9	4.2	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.5	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/99	4,378.8	4,534.1	12.6	3.5	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/99	12,112.6	13,662.2	4.5	12.8	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	7,825.2	7,794.9	0.1	(0.4)	29,085.5	29,848.9	29,344.3	2.6	(1.7)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,551.6	1,582.8	(12.4)	2.0	1,551.6	1,582.8	n/a	2.0	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-MAR/99	29,902.9	31,661.0	(2.6)	5.9	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/99	10,320.3	11,033.2	(5.4)	6.9	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-MAR/99	19,603.2	18,346.7	6.1	(6.4)	75,853.0	78,673.0	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAR/99	146,295.2	146,538.9	(4.0)	0.2	555,680.9	553,805.6	543,076.0	(0.3)	(1.9)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	145,472.0	154,484.0	4.5	6.2	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,490.0	7.7	2.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	71,681.3	78,396.2	4.6	9.4	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8	89,952.2 pe	11.7	0.3
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	9,582.3	9,692.4	13.6	1.1	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-MAY/99	45,589	45,740	1.6	0.3	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-MAY/99	41,009	38,470	4.5	(6.2)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	MAY/99	65,006	69,816	8.3	7.4	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/99	23,578	23,376	3.5	(0.9)	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-MAR/99	27,966	29,320	9.7	4.8	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	MAR/99	67,523	69,023	(0.3)	2.2	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
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POPULATION	APR 1/99	934,444	935,593	0.1	0.1	931,235 x	934,768 x	934,237 x	0.4	(0.1)
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/99	2,360	2,255	(1.7)	(4.4)	10,562	9,950	9,805	(5.8)	(1.5)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/99	2,255	2,430	1.1	7.8	7,751	8,040	8,220	3.7	2.2
Marriages	JAN-MAR/99	398	n/a	7.6	-- --	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/99	(460)	185	-- --	-- --	1,631	(487)	(801)	(129.9)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	JAN-MAR/99	(1,212)	(163)	-- --	-- --	(1,064)	(3,355)	(2,681)	-- --	-- --
Net International	JAN-MAR/99	752	348	15.0	(53.7)	2,695	2,868	1,880	6.4	(34.4)
Immigration	JAN-MAR/99	923	520	12.3	(43.7)	3,973	3,925	3,450	(1.2)	(12.1)
Emigration	JAN-MAR/99	171	172	1.8	0.6	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JUNE/99	450.3	458.8	1.1	1.9	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	JUNE/99	402.9	416.6	3.1	3.4	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	JUNE/99	47.4	42.2	(13.7)	(11.0)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUNE/99	10.5	9.2	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	JUNE/99	60.4	61.2	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JUNE/99	418.2	432.0	3.2	3.3	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUNE/99	10.0	8.6	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JUNE/99	93.2	101.0	7.9	8.4	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	JUNE/99	311.4	314.9	3.3	1.1	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	APR/99	57,271	52,330	(20.3)	(8.6)	617,429	586,886	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	APR/99	45,780	42,490	(7.6)	(7.2)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JUNE/99	108.4	110.0	0.7	1.5	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	JUNE/99	111.0	111.7	4.2	0.6	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	JUNE/99	104.9	105.6	(0.9)	0.7	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	3,139.5	3,384.6	5.5	7.8	8,981.8	9,466.6	9,880.5	5.4	4.4
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	APR/99	510.60	520.02	1.9	1.8	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-APR/99	2,524.5	2,602.2	5.3	3.1	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.7	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAY/99	170.7	179.2	12.1	5.0	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-MAY/99	439.8	465.7	12.7	5.9	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	86.3	85.1	2.4	(1.4)	378.0	377.0	373.8	(0.3)	(0.8)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-APR/99	1,362.7	1,006.6	(5.6)	(26.1)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-APR/99	417.0	492.1	42.3	18.0	911.9	989.4	1,310.3	8.5	32.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-APR/99	800.1	516.0	7.6	(35.5)	3,172.0	2,696.0	2,118.8	(15.0)	(21.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-APR/99	3,781.1	4,086.7	(0.8)	8.1	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	1.5	4.2
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	2,010.0	2,109.0	2.8	4.9	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,542.1	1.6	5.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8	3,061.0	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7	2,746.8 p	5.1	49.6
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-MAY/99	193.1	306.7	(15.5)	58.8	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	647	1,399	(50.2)	116.2	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	933	933	(14.4)	0.0	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	933	1,439	(28.6)	54.2	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	884	1,979	(51.6)	123.9	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	1,263	1,484	(22.9)	17.5	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	1,550	2,005	(25.2)	29.4	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	20,254	1.8	5.8
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,194	3.2	3.7

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period: 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period: Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change: 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change: 1998/1997
POPULATION	APR 1/99	30,219,383	30,482,862	1.0	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,010,974 x	30,301,185 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/99	85,820	81,955	(0.1)	(4.5)	366,189	348,555	345,695	(4.8)	-- --
Deaths	JAN-MAR/99	59,845	61,810	4.2	3.3	212,859	215,510	222,845	1.2	-- --
Marriages	JAN-MAR/99	16,139	n/a	(1.3)	n/a	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/99	38,075	44,569	(24.3)	17.1	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	-- --
Immigration	JAN-MAR/99	47,284	54,021	(20.7)	14.2	250,909	259,536	212,624	3.4	-- --
Emigration	JAN-MAR/99	9,209	9,452	(1.5)	2.6	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JUNE/99	15,553.1	15,843.4	1.2	1.9	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	JUNE/99	14,250.1	14,639.8	2.1	2.7	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	JUNE/99	1,303.0	1,203.7	(7.3)	(7.6)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUNE/99	8.4	7.6	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	JUNE/99	64.9	65.3	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JUNE/99	14,639.3	15,020.3	2.0	2.6	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUNE/99	8.0	7.2	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JUNE/99	3,738.4	3,815.5	3.7	2.1	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	JUNE/99	10,511.6	10,824.3	1.5	3.0	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	APR/99	1,174,242	1,097,260	(13.0)	(6.6)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	APR/99	835,560	799,260	(5.4)	(4.3)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JUNE/99	108.8	110.5	1.0	1.6	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	JUNE/99	110.2	111.5	2.1	1.2	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	JUNE/99	103.5	104.7	0.2	1.2	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	133,961.8	137,658.1	5.6	2.8	375,704.5	398,194.8	414,883.5	6.0	4.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	APR/99	608.06	608.15	1.8	0.0	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-APR/99	81,286.0	84,700.9	4.9	4.2	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.5	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAY/99	5,746.4	5,993.1	10.9	4.3	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-MAY/99	16,474.0	17,996.8	6.0	9.2	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	7,825.2	7,794.9	0.1	(0.4)	29,085.5	29,848.9	29,344.3	2.6	(1.7)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,432.9	1,582.8	(14.9)	10.5	1,432.9	1,582.8	n/a	10.5	--
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-APR/99	37,499.3	39,778.6	(3.3)	6.1	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-APR/99	22,517.6	23,065.2	(0.9)	2.4	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-APR/99	25,881.2	24,278.3	3.5	(6.2)	75,853.0	78,673.0	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-APR/99	189,806.0	189,896.9	(3.9)	0.0	555,680.9	553,805.6	543,103.7	(0.3)	(1.9)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	145,472.0	154,484.0	4.5	6.2	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,490.0	7.7	2.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	96,679.6	105,291.8	4.6	8.9	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	--	--	--	--	--	80,288.1	89,679.8	89,952.2 p	11.7	0.3
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-MAY/99	13,005.3	13,156.7	11.2	1.2	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	56,714	58,778	(1.0)	3.6	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	51,505	48,447	5.5	(5.9)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	65,660	72,860	4.5	11.0	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	65,671	68,312	(2.4)	4.0	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	60,393	59,961	0.1	(0.7)	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	77,196	83,234	(0.2)	7.8	70,670	72,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	--	--	--	--	--	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
- at Factor Cost	--	--	--	--	--	710,379	750,490	770,344	5.6	2.6

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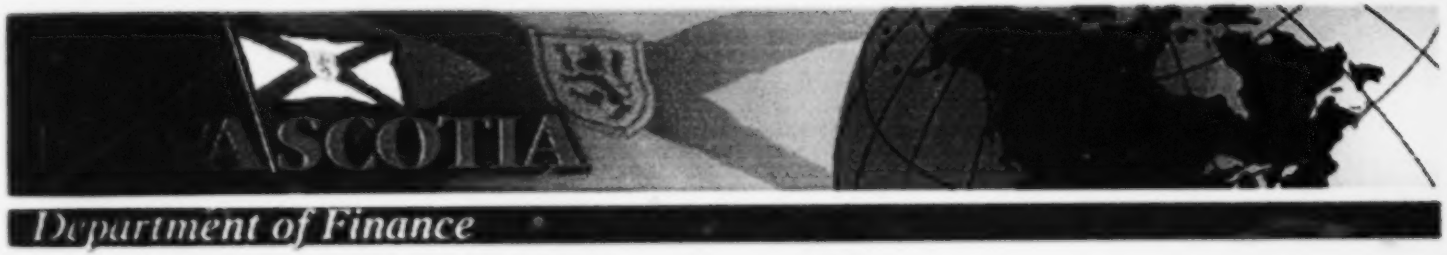

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	APR 1/99	934,444	935,593	0.1	0.1	931,235 x	934,768 x	934,237 x	0.4	(0.1)
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/99	2,360	2,255	(1.7)	(4.4)	10,562	9,950	9,805	(5.8)	(1.5)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/99	2,255	2,430	1.1	7.8	7,751	8,040	8,220	3.7	2.2
Marriages	JAN-MAR/99	398	n/a	7.8	-- --	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/99	(460)	185	-- --	-- --	1,631	(487)	(801)	(129.9)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	JAN-MAR/99	(1,212)	(163)	-- --	-- --	(1,064)	(3,355)	(2,681)	-- --	-- --
Net International	JAN-MAR/99	752	348	15.0	(53.7)	2,695	2,868	1,880	6.4	(34.4)
Immigration	JAN-MAR/99	923	520	12.3	(43.7)	3,973	3,925	3,450	(1.2)	(12.1)
Emigration	JAN-MAR/99	171	172	1.8	0.6	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JULY/99	449.5	457.2	0.9	1.7	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	JULY/99	401.8	416.8	2.1	3.7	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	JULY/99	47.7	40.5	(8.3)	(15.1)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JULY/99	10.6	8.9	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	JULY/99	60.3	60.9	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JULY/99	421.3	436.9	2.1	3.7	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	JULY/99	10.5	8.6	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JULY/99	92.4	97.6	6.3	5.6	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	JULY/99	311.2	318.4	2.5	2.3	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	MAY/99	42,608	43,237	(8.2)	1.5	617,429	586,896	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	MAY/99	35,180	32,230	(11.9)	(8.4)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JULY/99	108.5	110.1	0.7	1.5	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	JULY/99	110.0	112.2	1.7	2.0	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	JULY/99	105.1	105.9	(0.8)	0.8	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-MAY/99	3,972.1	4,155.2	5.6	4.6	8,981.8	9,466.6	9,880.5	5.4	4.4
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	MAY/99	513.07	518.67	2.2	1.1	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAY/99	3,158.5	3,266.8	5.7	3.4	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.7	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JUNE/99	208.2	222.6	9.6	6.9	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JUNE/99	552.9	592.7	12.2	7.2	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	86.3	85.1	2.4	(1.4)	378.0	377.0	373.8	(0.3)	(0.8)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-MAY/99	1,619.0	1,274.8	(10.9)	(21.3)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-MAY/99	520.2	620.9	37.9	19.4	911.9	989.4	1,310.3	8.5	32.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-MAY/99	952.7	666.3	(2.7)	(30.1)	3,172.0	2,696.0	2,118.8	(15.0)	(21.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAY/99	4,624.9	4,975.6	(0.5)	7.6	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	1.5	4.2
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-MAY/99	2,563.4	2,697.8	3.3	5.2	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,542.1	1.6	5.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8	3,061.0	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7	2,731.4 pa	5.1	48.8
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	262.0	389.5	(11.4)	48.7	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JULY/99	871	1,665	(46.5)	91.2	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-JULY/99	1,059	1,161	(15.1)	9.6	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	JULY/99	1,008	1,475	(31.8)	46.3	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	694	1,979	(51.6)	123.9	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	1,263	1,484	(22.9)	17.5	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	1,550	2,005	(25.2)	29.4	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	20,254	1.8	5.8
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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	APR 1/99	30,219,383	30,482,862	1.0	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,010,974 x	30,301,185 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/99	85,820	81,955	(0.1)	(4.5)	366,189	348,555	345,695	(4.8)	-- --
Deaths	JAN-MAR/99	59,845	61,810	4.2	3.3	212,859	215,510	222,845	1.2	-- --
Marriages	JAN-MAR/99	16,139	n/a	(1.3)	n/a	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/99	38,075	44,569	(24.3)	17.1	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	-- --
Immigration	JAN-MAR/99	47,284	54,021	(20.7)	14.2	250,909	259,536	212,624	3.4	-- --
Emigration	JAN-MAR/99	9,209	9,452	(1.5)	2.6	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JULY/99	15,592.7	15,902.1	1.5	2.0	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	JULY/99	14,290.6	14,679.3	2.2	2.7	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	JULY/99	1,302.1	1,222.9	(5.3)	(6.1)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JULY/99	8.4	7.7	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	JULY/99	65.0	65.4	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JULY/99	14,725.0	15,111.9	2.1	2.6	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	JULY/99	8.5	7.8	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JULY/99	3,731.9	3,835.4	3.2	2.8	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	JULY/99	10,558.7	10,843.8	1.8	2.7	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	MAY/99	936,979	950,275	0.1	1.4	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	MAY/99	682,370	656,370	(8.9)	(3.8)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JULY/99	108.8	110.8	1.0	1.8	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	JULY/99	109.9	111.3	1.4	1.3	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	JULY/99	103.6	104.8	0.3	1.2	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-MAY/99	168,663.5	173,401.5	5.3	2.8	375,704.5	398,194.8	414,883.5	6.0	4.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	MAY/99	603.94	605.83	0.5	0.3	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAY/99	101,905.8	106,034.4	4.9	4.1	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.5	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JUNE/99	7,010.1	7,403.8	9.0	5.6	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JUNE/99	20,657.4	22,450.3	7.6	8.7	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3

x - Annual Averages
e - estimate

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/99	7,825.2	7,794.9	0.1	(0.4)	29,085.5	29,848.9	29,344.3	2.6	(1.7)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,432.9	1,582.8	(14.9)	10.5	1,432.9	1,582.8	n/a	10.5	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-MAY/99	44,716.0	47,535.4	(4.2)	6.3	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-MAY/99	27,850.3	28,790.7	(0.1)	3.4	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-MAY/99	32,184.2	30,282.2	1.6	(5.9)	75,853.0	78,673.0	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAY/99	231,534.1	232,012.1	(2.7)	0.2	555,680.9	553,805.6	543,225.5	(0.3)	(1.9)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-MAY/99	183,751.0	195,420.0	3.9	6.4	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,490.0	7.7	2.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-APR/99	96,679.6	105,291.8	4.6	8.9	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8	91,898.2 pa	11.7	2.5
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	16,370.0	16,919.9	10.9	3.4	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JULY/99	66,634	70,490	(4.0)	5.8	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-JULY/99	64,016	60,078	2.8	(6.2)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	JULY/99	63,027	71,318	2.4	13.2	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	65,671	68,312	(2.4)	4.0	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	60,393	59,961	0.1	(0.7)	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	77,196	83,234	(0.2)	7.8	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	710,379	750,490	770,344	5.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	APR 1/99	934,444	935,593	0.1	0.1	931,235 x	934,768 x	934,237 x	0.4	(0.1)
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/99	2,360	2,255	(1.7)	(4.4)	10,562	9,950	9,805	(5.8)	(1.5)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/99	2,255	2,430	1.1	7.8	7,751	8,040	8,220	3.7	2.2
Marriages	JAN-MAR/99	398	n/a	7.6	-- --	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/99	(460)	185	-- --	-- --	1,631	(487)	(801)	(129.9)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	JAN-MAR/99	(1,212)	(163)	-- --	-- --	(1,064)	(3,355)	(2,681)	-- --	-- --
Net International	JAN-MAR/99	752	348	15.0	(53.7)	2,695	2,868	1,880	6.4	(34.4)
Immigration	JAN-MAR/99	923	520	12.3	(43.7)	3,973	3,925	3,450	(1.2)	(12.1)
Emigration	JAN-MAR/99	171	172	1.8	0.6	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	AUG/99	451.4	455.6	1.4	0.9	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	AUG/99	402.6	416.2	2.4	3.4	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	AUG/99	48.9	39.4	(6.3)	(19.4)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/99	10.8	8.6	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	AUG/99	60.5	60.6	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	AUG/99	423.1	436.3	2.4	3.1	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/99	10.2	8.4	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	AUG/99	91.5	95.6	5.1	4.5	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	AUG/99	310.9	320.9	1.8	3.2	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	JUNE/99	40,368	35,097	3.9	(13.1)	617,429	586,886	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JUNE/99	32,000	28,540	0.9	(10.8)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	AUG/99	108.6	111.1	0.4	2.3	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	AUG/99	110.6	111.8	1.8	1.1	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	AUG/99	104.7	107.0	(1.0)	2.2	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	4,826.4	5,054.4	5.2	4.7	8,981.8	9,46 6	9,880.5	5.4	4.4
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	JUNE/99	514.90	525.53	1.1	2.1	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JUNE/99	3,789.3	3,953.4	5.2	4.3	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.3	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JULY/99	246.0	265.4	8.8	7.9	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JULY/99	644.5	694.4	11.9	7.7	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-JULY/99	3,497.7	4,053.0	3.0	15.9	5,335.9	5,909.9	6,080.8	10.8	2.9

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	165.7	165.5	(6.6)	(0.1)	378.0	377.0	373.8	(0.3)	(0.8)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-JUNE/99	1,879.5	1,650.6	(15.9)	(12.2)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JUNE/99	636.7	766.8	36.2	20.4	911.8	989.7	1,372.4	8.5	38.7
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JUNE/99	1,192.9	920.9	(6.2)	(22.8)	3,172.0	2,696.0	2,118.8	(15.0)	(21.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JUNE/99	5,458.0	5,795.2	0.8	6.2	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	1.5	4.2
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	3,137.9	3,365.4	4.5	7.3	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,542.1	1.6	5.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/98	756.8	878.3	9.0	16.1	3,061.0	3,116.4	3,422.1	1.8	9.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7 pa	2,731.4 ri	5.1	48.8
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	338.2	515.3	(8.0)	52.4	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-AUG/99	1,271	1,814	(34.7)	42.7	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-AUG/99	1,471	1,401	(8.2)	(4.8)	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	AUG/99	1,044	1,384	(27.6)	32.6	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	884	1,979	(51.6)	123.9	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	1,263	1,484	(22.9)	17.5	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	1,550	2,005	(25.2)	29.4	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	20,254	1.8	5.8
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,194	3.2	3.7

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INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	APR 1/99	30,219,383	30,482,862	1.0	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,010,974 x	30,301,185 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/99	85,820	81,955	(0.1)	(4.5)	366,189	348,555	345,695	(4.8)	-- --
Deaths	JAN-MAR/99	59,845	61,810	4.2	3.3	212,859	215,510	222,845	1.2	-- --
Marriages	JAN-MAR/99	16,139	n/a	(1.3)	n/a	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/99	38,075	44,569	(24.3)	17.1	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	-- --
Immigration	JAN-MAR/99	47,284	54,021	(20.7)	14.2	250,909	259,536	212,624	3.4	-- --
Emigration	JAN-MAR/99	9,209	9,452	(1.5)	2.6	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	AUG/99	15,631.1	15,906.0	1.3	1.8	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	AUG/99	14,326.0	14,672.8	2.1	2.4	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	AUG/99	1,305.1	1,233.1	(6.4)	(5.5)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/99	8.3	7.8	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	AUG/99	65.1	65.4	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	AUG/99	14,766.3	15,071.4	2.1	2.1	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/99	8.1	7.7	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	AUG/99	3,731.6	3,801.9	2.5	1.9	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	AUG/99	10,594.4	10,870.9	2.0	2.6	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	JUNE/99	824,890	752,022	(4.5)	(8.8)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JUNE/99	613,170	566,450	(4.8)	(7.6)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	AUG/99	108.8	111.1	0.8	2.1	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	AUG/99	109.2	110.4	1.4	1.1	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	AUG/99	103.7	105.0	0.6	1.3	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	204,521.3	210,855.4	5.1	3.1	375,704.5	398,194.8	414,883.5	6.0	4.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	JUNE/99	608.04	612.62	1.2	0.8	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JUNE/99	122,238.8	127,433.9	4.6	4.2	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.0	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JULY/99	8,244.2	8,787.0	8.8	6.6	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JULY/99	23,982.9	26,151.2	6.8	9.0	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-JULY/99	194,074.8	206,615.0	11.7	6.5	280,313.7	306,116.2	335,056.2	9.2	9.5

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	14,658.4	14,372.9	(1.4)	(1.9)	29,085.5	29,848.9	29,344.3	2.6	(1.7)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,432.9	1,582.8	(14.9)	10.5	1,432.9	1,582.8	n/a	10.5	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-JUNE/99	53,377.1	56,856.0	(3.1)	6.5	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JUNE/99	33,179.1	35,005.3	(0.9)	5.5	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JUNE/99	38,384.0	36,101.6	1.4	(5.9)	75,853.0	78,673.0	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JUNE/99	273,217.2	274,630.2	(2.2)	0.5	555,680.9	553,805.6	543,225.5	(0.3)	(1.9)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	221,590.0	238,396.0	5.9	7.6	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,490.0	7.7	2.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	145,999.8	160,313.8	4.6	9.8	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8 pa	91,898.2 ri	11.7	2.5
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	19,659.2	20,586.6	9.8	4.7	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-AUG/99	77,363	82,137	(4.3)	6.2	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-AUG/99	74,120	70,626	1.3	(4.7)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	AUG/99	63,676	72,419	2.5	13.7	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUNE/99	65,671	68,312	(2.4)	4.0	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-JUNE/99	60,393	59,961	0.1	(0.7)	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	JUNE/99	77,196	83,234	(0.2)	7.8	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	710,379	750,490	770,344	5.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
POPULATION	JULY 1/99	936,174	940,825	0.2	0.5	931,235 x	934,534 x	936,174 x	0.4	0.2
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/99	2,583	2,528	(9.4)	(2.1)	10,562	9,952	9,747	(5.8)	(2.1)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/99	1,985	2,026	6.7	2.1	7,751	8,044	8,202	3.8	2.0
Marriages	APR-JUNE/99	1,320	n/a	2.0	-- --	5,376	5,525	n/a	2.8	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/99	(1,017)	2,417	-- --	-- --	1,631	623	377	(61.8)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	APR-JUNE/99	(716)	458	-- --	-- --	(1,064)	(2,074)	(1,491)	-- --	-- --
Net International	APR-JUNE/99	416	1,959	(46.2)	370.9	2,695	2,697	1,868	0.1	(30.7)
Immigration	APR-JUNE/99	656	2,177	(30.3)	231.9	3,973	3,754	3,468	(5.5)	(7.6)
Emigration	APR-JUNE/99	255	218	19.2	(14.5)	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	SEPT/99	451.1	460.6	1.0	2.1	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	SEPT/99	400.3	416.3	1.4	4.0	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	SEPT/99	50.9	44.3	(2.1)	(13.0)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/99	11.3	9.6	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	SEPT/99	60.4	61.2	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	SEPT/99	408.0	422.8	1.3	3.6	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/99	9.8	8.5	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	SEPT/99	90.7	93.2	2.8	2.8	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	SEPT/99	310.8	323.3	1.7	4.0	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	JULY/99	39,321	33,037	5.0	(16.0)	617,429	586,886	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JULY/99	32,110	29,190	(0.6)	(9.1)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	SEPT/99	107.4	111.6	(0.7)	3.9	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	SEPT/99	109.6	110.9	1.6	1.2	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	SEPT/99	101.1	108.3	(4.4)	7.1	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	5,688.6	5,952.9	4.9	4.6	8,981.8	9,466.6	9,880.5	5.4	4.4
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	JULY/99	519.41	533.06	2.0	2.6	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JULY/99	4,430.9	4,628.7	4.3	4.5	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.3	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	288.3	312.8	7.3	8.5	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	724.1	789.3	11.9	9.0	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-JULY/99	3,467.9	4,055.9	(0.4)	17.0	5,507.0	6,031.0	6,083.0	9.5	0.9

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	165.7	165.5	(6.6)	(0.1)	378.0	377.0	373.8	(0.3)	(0.8)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-JULY/99	2,118.9	1,971.5	(18.9)	(7.0)	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JULY/99	730.8	868.8	30.7	18.9	911.8	989.7	1,372.4	8.5	38.7
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JULY/99	1,419.1	1,015.4	(5.1)	(28.4)	3,172.0	2,696.0	2,118.8	(15.0)	(21.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/99	6,299.9	6,670.1	1.9	5.9	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	1.5	4.2
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	3,691.9	3,973.5	4.6	7.6	6,131.8	6,229.0	6,542.1	1.6	5.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/98	756.8	878.3	9.0	16.1	3,116.5	3,161.0	3,439.8	1.4	8.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7 pa	2,731.4 ri	5.1	48.8
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-AUG/99	409.0	609.3	(4.4)	49.0	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	1,613	2,072	(24.3)	28.5	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	1,677	1,632	(9.9)	(2.7)	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	1,144	1,409	(16.4)	23.2	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	2,317	2,956	(22.1)	27.6	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	2,359	2,193	(10.2)	(7.0)	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	1,871	2,271	(15.9)	21.4	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	20,254	1.8	5.8
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,194	3.2	3.7

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
POPULATION	JULY 1/99	30,296,586	30,567,962	1.0	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,008,416 x	30,296,586 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/99	90,777	89,401	(1.8)	(1.5)	366,189	348,598	343,371	(4.8)	-- --
Deaths	APR-JUNE/99	53,238	54,425	1.3	2.2	212,859	215,669	219,834	1.3	-- --
Marriages	APR-JUNE/99	41,835	n/a	1.6	n/a	156,401	159,350	n/a	1.9	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/99	42,687	49,140	(26.2)	15.1	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	-- --
Immigration	APR-JUNE/99	53,205	60,226	(22.3)	13.2	250,909	259,518	212,751	3.4	-- --
Emigration	APR-JUNE/99	10,457	11,086	(1.3)	6.0	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	SEPT/99	15,687.8	15,931.8	1.8	1.6	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	SEPT/99	14,391.1	14,736.6	2.5	2.4	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	SEPT/99	1,296.7	1,195.2	(5.7)	(7.8)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/99	8.3	7.5	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	SEPT/99	65.2	65.4	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	SEPT/99	14,520.3	14,861.7	2.4	2.4	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/99	7.5	6.8	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	SEPT/99	3,690.1	3,844.7	0.9	4.2	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	SEPT/99	10,701.0	10,891.9	3.1	1.8	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	JULY/99	774,780	683,134	(4.9)	(11.8)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JULY/99	675,160	592,150	(4.4)	(12.3)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	SEPT/99	108.6	111.4	0.7	2.6	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	SEPT/99	108.3	109.8	1.3	1.4	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	SEPT/99	103.6	105.6	0.5	1.9	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	239,818.5	247,425.4	4.8	3.2	375,704.5	398,194.8	414,883.5	6.0	4.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	JULY/99	606.76	614.38	1.0	1.3	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JULY/99	142,849.9	149,307.1	4.5	4.5	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.0	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	9,590.3	10,298.6	7.6	7.4	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	27,040.1	29,799.3	6.2	10.2	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-JULY/99	194,542.5	206,744.6	5.6	6.3	283,623.0	324,226.1	335,051.3	14.3	3.3

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	14,658.4	14,372.9	(1.4)	(1.9)	29,085.5	29,848.9	29,344.3	2.6	(1.7)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,432.9	1,582.8	(14.9)	10.5	1,432.9	1,582.8	n/a	10.5	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-JULY/99	61,540.3	65,985.6	(3.8)	7.2	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JULY/99	38,742.2	40,455.7	0.4	4.4	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JULY/99	44,279.9	42,301.3	(0.6)	(4.5)	75,853.0	78,673.0	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/99	317,534.8	320,681.6	(2.1)	1.0	555,680.9	553,805.6	543,251.3	(0.3)	(1.9)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	253,870.0	274,678.0	4.3	8.2	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,490.0	7.7	2.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	167,431.3	184,612.4	4.2	10.3	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8 pa	91,898.2 ri	11.7	2.5
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-AUG/99	22,761.1	23,741.2	10.7	4.3	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	87,773	93,849	(4.5)	6.9	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	84,152	83,071	(0.3)	(1.3)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	64,032	71,349	4.1	11.4	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	103,066	109,903	(6.4)	6.6	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	98,771	101,422	(4.3)	2.7	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	76,081	83,149	(1.8)	9.3	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
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Deaths	APR-JUNE/99	1,985	2,026	6.7	2.1	7,751	8,044	8,202	3.8	2.0
Marriages	APR-JUNE/99	1,310	1,257	(0.8)	(4.0)	5,376	5,525	5,103	2.8	(7.6)
MIGRATION										
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LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	OCT/99	452.1	459.9	1.1	1.7	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	OCT/99	403.8	414.2	2.0	2.6	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	OCT/99	48.3	45.7	(6.2)	(5.4)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/99	10.7	9.9	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	OCT/99	60.5	61.1	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.2	60.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	OCT/99	408.5	417.4	1.9	2.2	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/99	9.4	8.9	-- --	-- --	12.6	12.2	10.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	OCT/99	89.1	92.6	(1.5)	3.9	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	OCT/99	313.1	323.0	3.0	3.2	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	AUG/99	41,676	41,106	20.3	(1.4)	617,429	586,886	565,495	(4.9)	(3.6)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	AUG/99	32,570	31,070	(0.5)	(4.6)	45,172 x	40,348 x	38,408 e	(10.7)	(4.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	OCT/99	108.7	111.7	0.4	2.8	105.6	107.8	108.5	2.1	0.6
Food	OCT/99	110.0	110.8	2.1	0.7	106.5	108.4	110.5	1.8	1.9
Shelter	OCT/99	104.6	108.9	(1.4)	4.1	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,237	19,487	20,135 e	1.3	3.3
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	5,688.6	5,952.9	4.9	4.6	8,981.8	9,466.6	9,880.5	5.4	4.4
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	AUG/99	511.11	524.97	2.5	2.7	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE - ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-AUG/99	5,071.1	5,306.3	4.3	4.6	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.3	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	288.3	312.8	7.3	8.5	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	724.1	789.3	11.9	9.0	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-AUG/99	3,967.4	4,600.2	(0.3)	15.9	5,507.0	6,031.0	6,083.0	9.5	0.9

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	165.7	165.5	(6.6)	(0.1)	378.0	377.0	373.8	(0.3)	(0.8)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	464.0	472.9	(9.4)	1.9	464.0	472.9	n/a	1.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-AUG/99	2,355.8	2,368.5	(20.3)	0.5	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-AUG/99	930.2	1,089.9	26.9	17.2	911.8	1,131.0	1,459.0	24.0	29.0
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JULY/99	1,419.1	1,015.4	(5.1)	(28.4)	3,172.0	2,696.0	2,118.8	(15.0)	(21.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/99	6,299.9	6,670.1	1.9	5.9	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	1.5	4.2
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-AUG/99	4,442.1	4,888.7	5.7	10.1	6,307.8	6,474.8	6,829.5	2.6	5.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/98	756.8	878.3	9.0	16.1	3,116.5	3,161.0	3,439.8	1.4	8.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7 pa	2,731.4 ri	5.1	48.8
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	472.4	659.2	(4.1)	39.5	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	1,613	2,072	(24.3)	28.5	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	1,677	1,632	(9.9)	(2.7)	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	1,144	1,409	(16.4)	23.2	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	2,317	2,956	(22.1)	27.6	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	2,359	2,193	(10.2)	(7.0)	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	1,871	2,271	(15.9)	21.4	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,810	19,151	20,254	1.8	5.8
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,990	17,540	18,194	3.2	3.7

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Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
POPULATION	JULY 1/99	30,296,586	30,567,962	1.0	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,008,416 x	30,296,586 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/99	90,777	89,401	(1.8)	(1.5)	366,189	348,598	343,371	(4.8)	(1.5)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/99	53,238	54,425	1.3	2.2	212,859	215,669	219,834	1.3	1.9
Marriages	APR-JUNE/99	43,495	43,072	4.0	(1.0)	156,401	159,350	151,224	1.9	(5.1)
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/99	42,687	49,140	(26.2)	15.1	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	(25.4)
Immigration	APR-JUNE/99	53,205	60,226	(22.3)	13.2	250,909	259,518	212,751	3.4	(18.0)
Emigration	APR-JUNE/99	10,457	11,086	(1.3)	6.0	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	1.2
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	OCT/99	15,717.5	17,964.4	1.8	14.3	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	OCT/99	14,452.8	14,816.1	3.0	2.5	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	OCT/99	1,264.7	1,148.3	(10.3)	(9.2)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/99	8.0	7.2	--	--	9.7	9.2	8.3	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	OCT/99	65.3	65.5	--	--	64.9	64.8	65.1	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	OCT/99	14,526.1	14,894.2	3.0	2.5	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/99	7.4	6.6	--	--	9.7	9.2	8.3	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	OCT/99	3,733.2	3,918.6	1.7	5.0	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	OCT/99	10,719.6	10,897.5	3.5	1.7	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	AUG/99	916,856	896,352	14.2	(2.2)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	AUG/99	662,880	618,510	(3.8)	(6.7)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	OCT/99	109.0	111.5	1.0	2.3	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	OCT/99	108.5	109.9	1.4	1.3	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	OCT/99	104.2	105.8	1.0	1.5	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,711	22,982	23,891 e	1.2	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	239,818.5	247,425.4	4.8	3.2	375,704.5	398,194.8	414,883.5	6.0	4.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	AUG/99	605.77	609.92	1.2	0.7	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-AUG/99	163,466.0	171,500.2	4.4	4.9	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.0	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	9,590.3	10,298.6	7.6	7.4	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/99	27,040.1	29,799.3	6.2	10.2	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-AUG/99	222,191.7	237,367.6	5.0	6.8	283,623.0	324,226.1	335,051.3	14.3	3.3

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-JUNE/99	14,658.4	14,372.9	(1.4)	(1.9)	29,085.5	29,848.9	29,344.3	2.6	(1.7)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/97	1,432.9	1,582.8	(14.9)	10.5	1,432.9	1,582.8	n/a	10.5	--
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-AUG/99	69,978.7	75,787.8	(3.9)	8.3	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-AUG/99	43,848.4	46,013.6	0.9	4.9	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JULY/99	44,279.9	42,301.3	(0.6)	(4.5)	75,853.0	78,673.0	75,379.5	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/99	317,534.8	320,681.6	(2.1)	1.0	555,680.9	553,805.6	543,251.3	(0.3)	(1.9)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-JULY/99	253,870.0	274,678.0	4.3	8.2	406,568.0	437,746.0	448,490.0	7.7	2.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-AUG/99	191,953.5	213,367.2	4.5	11.2	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8 pa	91,898.2 n	11.7	2.5
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	25,834.7	26,848.1	9.8	3.9	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	87,773	93,849	(4.5)	6.9	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	84,152	83,071	(0.3)	(1.3)	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	64,032	71,349	4.1	11.4	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	103,066	109,903	(6.4)	6.6	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	98,771	101,422	(4.3)	2.7	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	76,081	83,149	(1.8)	9.3	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	777,167	806,737	830,828	3.8	3.0
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	710,379	750,490	770,344	5.6	2.6

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POPULATION	JULY 1/99	936,174	940,825	0.2	0.5	931,235 x	934,534 x	936,174 x	0.4	0.2
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/99	2,583	2,528	(9.4)	(2.1)	10,573	9,952	9,747	(5.9)	(2.1)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/99	1,985	2,026	6.7	2.1	7,751	8,044	8,202	3.8	2.0
Marriages	APR-JUNE/99	1,310	1,257	(0.8)	(4.0)	5,392	5,177	5,103	(4.0)	(1.4)
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/99	(1,017)	2,417	--	--	1,631	623	377	(61.8)	(39.5)
Net Interprovincial	APR-JUNE/99	(716)	458	--	--	(1,064)	(2,074)	(1,491)	--	--
Net International	APR-JUNE/99	416	1,959	(46.2)	370.9	2,695	2,697	1,868	0.1	(30.7)
Immigration	APR-JUNE/99	656	2,177	(30.3)	231.9	3,973	3,754	3,468	(5.5)	(7.6)
Emigration	APR-JUNE/99	255	218	19.2	(14.5)	1,278	1,057	1,570	(17.3)	48.5
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	NOV/99	453.3	461.2	1.4	1.7	440.6	446.6	452.1	1.4	1.2
Employed ('000)	NOV/99	403.4	416.8	1.8	3.3	385.0	391.9	403.7	1.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	NOV/99	49.9	44.3	(1.2)	(11.2)	55.6	54.7	48.4	(1.6)	(11.5)
Unemp. Rate (%)	NOV/99	11.0	9.6	--	--	12.6	12.2	10.7	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	NOV/99	60.6	61.2	--	--	59.9	60.2	60.6	--	--
- Actual										
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- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	NOV/99	87.6	92.9	(5.2)	6.1	82.6	87.7	91.7	6.2	4.6
Service Indus. ('000)	NOV/99	314.9	322.9	3.9	2.5	302.4	304.2	312.0	0.6	2.6

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Shelter	NOV/99	104.6	109.1	(1.2)	4.3	104.1	105.7	104.7	1.5	(0.9)
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	--	--	--	--	--	19,407	19,878	20,480	2.4	3.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	7,375.1	7,668.8	4.5	4.0	8,981.8	9,466.6	9,858.2	5.4	4.1
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	SEPT/99	505.37	518.71	1.5	2.6	494.47 x	501.47 x	510.35	1.4	1.8
RETAIL TRADE - ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/99	5,710.1	5,988.2	4.1	4.9	7,070.6	7,341.6	7,648.3	3.8	4.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-SEPT/99	328.5	357.0	6.4	8.7	469.7	505.6	531.2	7.6	5.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-OCT/99	874.4	971.6	10.9	11.1	771.5	937.5	1,021.3	21.5	8.9
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/99	4,474.2	5,179.2	(0.3)	15.8	5,507.0	6,031.0	6,083.0	9.5	0.9

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	263.0	273.7	(2.6)	4.1	378.0	377.0	373.8	(0.3)	(0.8)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	466.2	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-SEPT/99	2,605.7	2,673.2	(22.3)	2.6	4,827.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	(6.9)	(23.9)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-SEPT/99	1,073.0	1,237.4	28.5	15.3	911.8	1,131.0	1,459.0	24.0	29.0
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-SEPT/99	1,759.2	1,168.7	(10.4)	(33.6)	3,172.0	2,696.0	2,118.8	(15.0)	(21.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/99	6,299.9	6,670.1	1.9	5.9	10,175.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	1.5	4.2
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-OCT/99	5,675.4	6,268.1	5.4	10.4	6,307.8	6,474.8	6,829.5	2.6	5.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-MAR/98	756.8	878.3	9.0	16.1	3,116.5	3,161.0	3,439.8	1.4	8.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,746.2	1,835.7 pa	2,731.4 ri	5.1	48.8
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-OCT/99	531.8	758.0	(3.5)	42.5	689.0	630.7	637.1	(8.5)	1.0
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-NOV/99	2,088	2,674	(9.1)	28.1	2,806	2,732	2,171	(2.6)	(20.5)
- Completions	JAN-NOV/99	2,131	2,390	1.4	12.2	2,845	2,614	2,384	(8.1)	(8.8)
- Under Construction	NOV/99	1,165	1,246	(10.0)	7.0	1,159	1,214	999	4.7	(17.7)
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	2,317	2,956	(7.2)	27.6	4,059	3,813	3,137	(6.1)	(17.7)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	2,359	2,193	(2.2)	(7.0)	4,062	3,756	3,416	(7.5)	(9.1)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	1,871	2,271	58.3	21.4	1,944	1,926	1,503	(0.9)	(22.0)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	18,602	19,124	19,674	2.8	2.9
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	16,620	17,365	17,769	4.5	2.3

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Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period: 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period: Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change: 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change: 1998/1997
POPULATION	JULY 1/99	30,296,586	30,567,962	1.0	0.9	29,671,892 x	30,008,416 x	30,296,586 x	1.1	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/99	90,777	89,401	(1.8)	(1.5)	366,200	348,598	343,371	(4.8)	(1.5)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/99	53,238	54,425	1.3	2.2	212,880	215,669	219,834	1.3	1.9
Marriages	APR-JUNE/99	43,495	43,072	4.0	(1.0)	156,691	153,306	151,224	(2.2)	(1.4)
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/99	42,687	49,140	(26.2)	15.1	177,609	187,719	139,965	5.7	(25.4)
Immigration	APR-JUNE/99	53,205	60,226	(22.3)	13.2	250,909	259,518	212,751	3.4	(18.0)
Emigration	APR-JUNE/99	10,457	11,086	(1.3)	6.0	73,300	71,817	72,659	(2.0)	1.2
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	NOV/99	15,796.5	15,984.5	2.4	1.2	15,145.4	15,354.0	15,631.5	1.4	1.8
Employed ('000)	NOV/99	14,533.8	14,876.0	3.4	2.4	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	NOV/99	1,262.7	1,108.5	(8.5)	(12.2)	1,469.2	1,413.5	1,305.1	(3.8)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	NOV/99	8.0	6.9	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	NOV/99	65.5	65.5	-- --	-- --	64.9	64.8	65.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	NOV/99	14,493.4	14,851.1	3.4	2.5	13,676.2	13,940.6	14,326.4	1.9	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	NOV/99	7.7	6.6	-- --	-- --	9.7	9.2	8.3	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	NOV/99	3,761.9	3,926.2	2.4	4.4	3,548.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	2.3	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	NOV/99	10,771.8	10,949.8	3.8	1.7	10,128.0	10,312.3	10,584.7	1.8	2.6

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	Year-over-Year % Change 1997/1996	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	AUG/99	916,856	896,352	14.2	(2.2)	13,069,982	11,995,920	11,668,433	(8.2)	(2.7)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	AUG/99	662,880	618,510	(3.8)	(6.7)	911,469 x	782,225 x	739,400 e	(14.2)	(5.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	NOV/99	109.0	111.4	1.2	2.2	105.9	107.6	108.6	1.6	0.9
Food	NOV/99	109.7	110.6	1.6	0.8	105.9	107.6	109.3	1.6	1.6
Shelter	NOV/99	104.2	105.9	1.0	1.6	103.1	103.3	103.7	0.2	0.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	22,954	23,536	24,246	2.5	3.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	309,985.3	321,191.3	4.4	3.6	375,704.5	398,194.8	414,883.5	6.0	4.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	SEPT/99	602.89	612.68	0.7	1.6	586.06 x	598.26 x	606.32	2.1	1.3
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/99	184,235.5	193,780.2	4.3	5.2	220,869.8	237,596.7	246,184.0	7.6	3.6
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-SEPT/99	10,930.5	11,841.5	7.3	8.3	14,446.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	10.3	6.0
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-OCT/99	33,830.9	37,508.9	5.9	10.9	31,485.8	38,986.2	40,255.8	23.8	3.3
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/99	249,939.2	267,476.6	4.5	7.0	283,623.0	324,226.1	335,051.3	14.3	3.3

x - Annual Averages

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1996	1997	1998	1997/1996	1998/1997
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	21,818.9	21,964.4	(2.0)	0.7	29,085.5	29,848.9	29,344.3	2.6	(1.7)
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,643.9	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-SEPT/99	79,398.6	85,868.8	(2.7)	8.1	107,719.2	110,142.8	107,333.6	2.2	(2.6)
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-SEPT/99	48,665.3	52,229.9	(2.5)	7.3	64,781.1	64,763.9	65,109.1	(0.0)	0.5
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-SEPT/99	56,713.5	54,146.2	(2.8)	(4.5)	75,853.0	78,673.0	75,359.8	3.7	(4.2)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/99	317,534.8	320,681.6	(2.1)	1.0	555,680.9	553,805.6	543,251.3	(0.3)	(1.9)
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	330,567.0	360,937.0	2.3	9.2	406,719.0	435,032.0	448,753.0	7.0	3.2
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	218,067.8	242,012.9	5.0	11.0	259,265.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	8.5	5.5
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	80,288.1	89,679.8 pa	91,898.2 ri	11.7	2.5
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-OCT/99	28,625.5	30,001.3	7.8	4.8	26,155.5	31,234.0	33,155.8	19.4	6.2
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-NOV/99	107,546	116,503	(5.3)	8.3	101,804	123,215	116,843	21.0	(5.2)
- Completions	JAN-NOV/99	102,293	104,242	(4.5)	1.9	95,980	117,822	113,729	22.8	(3.5)
- Under Construction	NOV/99	65,513	72,378	7.5	10.5	54,604	59,918	63,298	9.7	5.6
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	103,066	109,903	(6.4)	6.6	124,713	147,040	137,439	17.9	(6.5)
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	98,771	101,422	(4.3)	2.7	117,834	143,386	133,941	21.7	(6.6)
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	76,081	83,149	(1.8)	9.3	70,670	73,984	74,932	4.7	1.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	782,130	813,031	838,265	4.0	3.1
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	723,146	757,552	776,083	4.8	2.4

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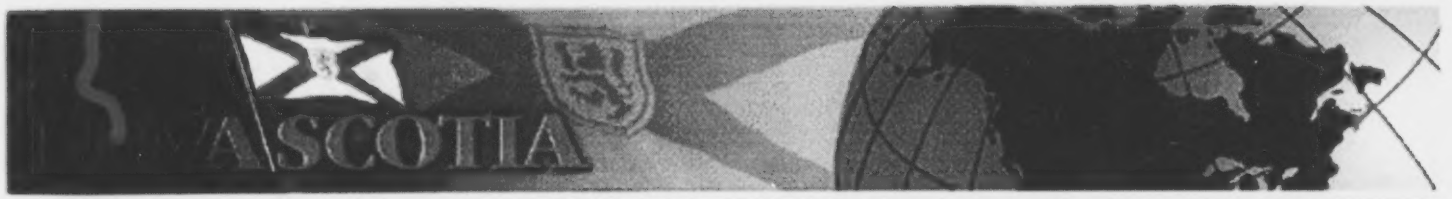

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	OCT 1/99	937,522	942,652	0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/99	2,579	2,581	(2.3)	0.1	9,952	9,747	-- --	(2.1)	-- --
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/99	1,874	1,906	1.9	1.7	8,044	8,202	-- --	2.0	-- --
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/99	2,430	n/a	(12.9)	-- --	5,177	5,103	-- --	(1.4)	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/99	728	2,186	798.8	200.3	532	307	-- --	(42.3)	-- --
Net Interprovincial	JULY-SEPT/99	(226)	569	-- --	-- --	(2,074)	(1,491)	-- --	-- --	-- --
Net International	JULY-SEPT/99	954	1,617	(0.6)	69.5	2,606	1,798	-- --	(31.0)	-- --
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/99	1,213	1,888	0.0	55.6	3,338	3,028	-- --	(9.3)	-- --
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/99	259	271	2.4	4.6	732	1,230	-- --	68.0	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	DEC/99	449.3	461.4	(0.1)	2.7	446.6	452.1	458.8	1.2	1.5
Employed ('000)	DEC/99	401.7	415.4	0.9	3.4	391.9	403.7	414.2	3.0	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	DEC/99	47.7	46.1	(6.8)	(3.4)	54.7	48.4	44.6	(11.5)	(7.9)
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/99	10.6	10.0	-- --	-- --	12.2	10.7	9.7	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	DEC/99	60.1	61.2	-- --	-- --	60.2	60.6	61.1	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	DEC/99	400.0	412.0	0.8	3.0	391.9	403.7	414.2	3.0	2.6
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/99	9.6	9.5	-- --	-- --	12.2	10.7	9.7	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted (3-Month Moving Average)										
Goods Indus. ('000)	DEC/99	88.7	94.2	(4.0)	6.2	87.7	91.7	95.6 e	4.6	4.3
Service Indus. ('000)	DEC/99	314.3	321.2	3.2	2.2	304.2	312.0	317.4 e	2.6	1.7

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997	Year-over-Year % Change 1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	OCT/99	35,760	38,613	(0.4)	8.0	588,369	565,497	-- --	(3.9)	-- --
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	OCT/99	37,660	30,930	20.2	(17.9)	40,348 x	38,408 x	-- --	(4.8)	-- --
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	DEC/99	108.4	112.0	0.4	3.3	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	DEC/99	109.8	111.8	0.4	1.8	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	DEC/99	104.6	110.4	(1.3)	5.5	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,878	20,480	-- --	3.0	-- --
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-OCT/99	8,165.9	8,543.5	3.6	4.6	9,469.1	9,810.1	-- --	3.6	-- --
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	OCT/99	509.84	517.02	1.3	1.4	501.47 x	510.35 x	-- --	1.8	-- --
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-OCT/99	6,351.1	6,668.9	4.1	5.0	7,341.6	7,648.3	-- --	4.2	-- --
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/99	441.8	475.4	5.5	7.6	505.6	531.2	-- --	5.1	-- --
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/99	941.8	1,052.4	9.9	11.7	937.5	1,021.3	-- --	8.9	-- --
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-OCT/99	4,971.5	5,741.2	(0.9)	15.5	6,031.0	6,083.0	-- --	0.9	-- --

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				% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	263.0	273.7	(2.6)	4.1	377.0	373.8	-- --	(0.8)	-- --
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	-- --	0.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-OCT/99	2,857.5	2,903.2	(24.6)	1.6	4,496.3	3,422.4	-- --	(23.9)	-- --
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-OCT/99	1,214.0	1,383.0	28.6	13.9	1,131.0	1,459.0	-- --	29.0	-- --
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-OCT/99	1,851.8	1,243.2	(19.4)	(32.9)	2,696.0	2,118.8	-- --	(21.4)	-- --
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-OCT/99	8,799.6	9,134.7	3.5	3.8	10,323.1	10,756.7	-- --	4.2	-- --
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-NOV/99	6,278.2	7,008.0	5.7	11.6	6,474.8	6,829.5	-- --	5.5	-- --
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	2,524.7	2,901.0	263.6	14.9	3,161.0	3,439.8	-- --	8.8	-- --
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	1,835.7	2,731.4 pa	2,975.1 ri	48.8	8.9
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-NOV/99	599.0	859.6	(1.5)	43.5	630.7	637.1		1.0	-- --
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5	2,732	2,171	2,834.0	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2	2,614	2,384	2,676.0	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	DEC/99	999	1,116	(17.7)	11.7	1,214	999	1,116.0	(17.7)	11.7
All Areas								-- --		
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	2,317	2,956	(7.2)	27.6	3,813	3,137	-- --	(17.7)	-- --
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	2,359	2,193	(2.2)	(7.0)	3,756	3,416	-- --	(9.1)	-- --
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	1,871	2,271	58.3	21.4	1,926	1,503	-- --	(22.0)	-- --
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,124	19,674	-- --	2.9	-- --
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	17,365	17,769	-- --	2.3	-- --

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INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997	Year-over-Year % Change 1999/1998
POPULATION	OCT 1/99	30,320,312	30,572,544	0.8	0.8	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/99	87,949	86,879	(1.7)	(1.2)	348,598	343,371	-- --	(1.5)	-- --
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/99	50,727	51,713	2.1	1.9	215,669	219,834	-- --	1.9	-- --
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/99	64,420	n/a	(10.8)	-- --	153,306	151,224	-- --	(1.4)	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/99	54,211	65,381	(18.4)	20.6	186,588	140,061	-- --	(24.9)	-- --
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/99	60,938	72,108	(16.3)	18.3	237,246	191,411	-- --	(19.3)	-- --
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/99	6,727	6,727	5.1	0.0	50,658	51,350	-- --	1.4	-- --
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	DEC/99	15,835.6	16,026.9	2.7	1.2	15,354.0	15,631.5	15,925.2	1.8	1.9
Employed ('000)	DEC/99	14,563.4	14,918.3	3.2	2.4	13,940.6	14,326.4	14,710.8	2.8	2.7
Unemployed ('000)	DEC/99	1,272.2	1,108.7	(2.9)	(12.9)	1,413.5	1,305.1	1,214.5	(7.7)	(6.9)
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/99	8.0	6.9	-- --	-- --	9.2	8.3	7.6	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	DEC/99	65.6	65.6	-- --	-- --	64.8	65.1	65.6	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	DEC/99	14,430.3	14,807.9	3.2	2.6	13,940.6	14,326.4	14,710.8	2.8	2.7
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/99	7.7	6.5	-- --	-- --	9.2	8.3	7.6	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	DEC/99	3,762.2	3,918.4	1.7	4.2	3,628.2	3,741.7	3,846.4 e	3.1	2.8
Service Indus. ('000)	DEC/99	10,801.2	10,999.8	3.7	1.8	10,312.3	10,584.7	10,868.1 e	2.6	2.7

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	% Change Reference Period Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change 1998/1997	Year-over-Year % Change 1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	OCT/99	708,694	755,888	(4.2)	6.7	11,995,402	11,668,432	-- --	(2.7)	-- --
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	OCT/99	601,810	553,970	(4.5)	(7.9)	782,225 x	739,400 x	-- --	(5.5)	-- --
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	DEC/99	108.7	111.5	1.0	2.6	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	DEC/99	109.7	110.9	1.7	1.1	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	DEC/99	104.4	106.4	1.1	1.9	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	23,536	24,246	-- --	3.0	-- --
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	JAN-OCT/99	345,186.3	357,832.1	4.3	3.7	398,194.9	414,883.5	-- --	4.2	-- --
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	OCT/99	608.11	613.09	1.8	0.8	598.26 x	606.32 x	-- --	1.3	-- --
RETAIL TRADE										
- ($ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-OCT/99	204,746.6	215,533.9	4.1	5.3	237,596.7	246,184.0	-- --	3.6	-- --
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/99	14,229.3	15,251.0	6.2	7.2	15,929.3	16,878.3	-- --	6.0	-- --
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/99	36,984.2	41,212.4	5.2	11.4	38,986.2	40,255.8	-- --	3.3	-- --
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-OCT/99	278,338.8	298,505.6	4.0	7.2	324,226.1	335,051.3	-- --	3.3	-- --

x - Annual Averages

e - estimate

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period: 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	% Change Reference Period: Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change: 1998/1997	Year-over-Year % Change: 1999/1998
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	21,818.9	21,964.4	(2.0)	0.7	29,848.9	29,344.3	-- --	(1.7)	-- --
Fish Landings ($ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-OCT/99	88,735.9	95,879.5	(3.0)	8.1	110,142.8	107,333.6	-- --	(2.6)	-- --
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-OCT/99	54,635.3	58,355.4	(2.2)	6.8	64,763.9	65,109.1	-- --	0.5	-- --
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-OCT/99	63,172.4	60,229.5	(3.3)	(4.7)	78,673.0	75,359.8	-- --	(4.2)	-- --
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-OCT/99	447,645.4	456,257.7	(1.4)	1.9	553,805.6	543,341.1	-- --	(1.9)	-- --
Mfg. Shipments ($ millions)	JAN-OCT/99	371,386.0	404,623.0	2.5	8.9	435,032.0	448,753.0	-- --	3.2	-- --
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	JAN-OCT/99	245,494.4	271,575.5	5.6	10.6	281,225.7	296,700.0	-- --	5.5	-- --
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures ($millions)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	89,679.8	91,898.2 pa	96,596.3 ri	2.5	5.1
Building Permits ($ millions)	JAN-NOV/99	31,194.6	33,054.9	6.9	6.0	31,234.0	33,155.8	-- --	6.2	-- --
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	DEC/99	63,298	72,635	5.6	14.8	59,918	63,298	72,635	5.6	14.8
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/99	103,066	109,903	(6.4)	6.6	147,040	137,439	-- --	(6.5)	-- --
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/99	98,771	101,422	(4.3)	2.7	143,386	133,941	-- --	(6.6)	-- --
- Under Construction	SEPT/99	76,081	83,149	(1.8)	9.3	73,984	74,932	-- --	1.3	-- --
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT ($millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	815,031	838,265	-- --	3.1	-- --
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	757,552	776,083	-- --	2.4	-- --

pa - Preliminary actual
ri - Revised intention

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board